

Grant of Franchise to Lessees of Stake-nets and China-nets.

107. MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fixed engines such as stake-nets and China-nets are assessed;

(b) the amount of annual revenue received from this source;

(c) the number of owners of such nets paying an annual rent of Rs. 5 or more;

(d) why they are not included in the voters' list;

(e) whether they have received representations from the Valans to say that qualified net-owners should be enlisted as voters, and, if so, the action taken thereon; and

(f) whether they will declare qualified net-owners eligible for voting?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The revenue from the fixed engines in 1101 was Rs. 6,138-24-0.

(c) 200.

(d) They are not eligible for voting under the Legislative Council Electoral Rules in force.

(e) Yes. In G. O., D. Dis. No. 43 of 1925/Legis., dated the 26th January 1925, the President, Municipal Council, Parur, who had raised the question, was informed that, as the Revised Electoral Rules had already been issued and as the Electoral Rolls were already in the Press, it could not be considered then.

(f) The question will be considered when the Legislative Council Electoral Rules are next revised.

Police at Arukutti and Alleged Conversion of Mahomedans to Christianity.

108. MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representation or petition from any Muslim public body or copy of resolution passed by any Muslim association regarding the conduct of the Arukutti police in regard to the alleged forcible conversion of certain Mahomedans to Christianity; and

(b) if so, whether they have enquired into the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) Yes. A copy * of the report of the joint enquiry by the Ag. Commissioner of Police and the District Magistrate, Kottayam, is laid on the table.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): With regard to the appendix, page 345, may I know the address of the person to whom the letter, said to have been sent by Mr. Habeeb, was sent?

* *Vide Appendix V—page 345.*